

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
07/14/2021 - REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY
This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall Conference Room and via Zoom Conference call.
Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81300463521>

MEETING ID 813 0046 3521 Option 2: Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Cynthia Barrett, Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Lucy Hussman, Patrick Reilly, and Bob Valentine-First Selectman. Excused: Garret Harlow and Rod Zander.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Patrick Reilly, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes of 06/09/2021. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Paul noted that the compost bin that had been discussed at the last meeting, was obtained and brought to meeting for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

The following was presented and discussed by the committee:

1. The compost bin construction was reviewed and Paul reported that it takes 62 minutes to assemble and it spins to mix the components, has two compartments separated by a baffle to allow for a "working compost" side and a side that you are adding new materials to.
2. The current cost is \$66 each.
3. Assistance to townspeople was suggested if someone felt they could not complete the assembly process. Pat Reilly felt the upgrade on this bin compared to one offered many years ago was good.
4. Availability of using funds from the Recycling and Trash budget was suggested by Lucy to defray the cost by an amount and was discussed as an incentive to make a purchase. Bob noted that there is \$1,200 for education and outreach in the Waste Removal Budget which is where the RATS funds are located. Bob reminded members that USA Hauling according to the contract is suppose to do marketing 4 times a year. Paul will contact USA Hauling to see if they could assist with a flier for this possible composting project.
5. Paul is still trying to contact DEEP and arrange for someone from DEEP to do a presentation on composting to the Committee and townspeople in September and offer it on Zoom. He will report at next meeting.
6. Inclusion of the compost bin project in the next Town Topics issue was suggested. Bob suggested the option of having townspeople pre-order and the possibility of using "My Rec" which is used by the Recreation Director for ordering and payments. Discussion was had and Bob will contact the Rec. Director.
7. Paul reported the continued importance of educating residents on reducing MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) in our town waste stream and does suggest composting as a way to reduce the organic waste. He reported a recent call from a new resident inquiring if the town does composting and he explained that at this time, there is not but that it is a high priority. Bob noted that we do not have a transfer station at this time. Paul also noted the difficulty of residents, who reside on one acre at

Woodrige Lake, to dispose of branches and leaves. Those residents who are on larger parcels are more able to have a brush pile.

8. In regards to promoting the composting bin, Pat Reilly suggested that the Goshen Library has the book tent at the Goshen Fair and that perhaps they could promote it there. Bob suggested that one bin be placed at Camp Coch for the campers to use and to learn about composting.
9. **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly and seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to reimburse Paul for the purchase of the two composting bins out of the Recycling Budget. Voted unanimous.
10. Bob suggested that the other bin be placed in the front foyer of the town hall to promote it.
11. Discussion of possible animal issues and suggested mix of composting materials of "greens and browns" was had by members. Members shared their composting suggestions and a list of materials to add to the bin will be compiled.
12. Pat Reilly offered his assistance in assembling bins for residents and also offered to assemble a simple, wood pallet bin for Camp Coch as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Barrett reported that she posted on social media of "Nextdoor" the following recycling information:

Bubble wrap, packaging peanuts, and inflated air packaging bags - Packaging Depot located at 1083 East Main Street in Torrington will take all of these materials if they are clean. They use them again and customers who are moving often ask if they have any extra to share. Contact them at pkgdepot@optonline.net.

Metal and Tire Pick-up - Next one is the first Friday in August on the 6th. See Town Website for complete information.

Electronics, Paper Shredding and Mattress Event - October 2, 2021, Saturday at Goshen Town Hall parking lot from 9 to noon.

Plastic films - Reminded residents that plastic bags do not go in the Recycling bin.

Discussion was had about an article that appeared in Register and Republican American regarding the MIRA plant in Hartford.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2021, Wednesday, at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk